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COMPUTER PHYSICAL SECURITY DEVICE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 An apparatus which inhibits the theft of equipment
such as personal computers is disclosed. The equipment must
have an external wall provided with a specially designed,
approximately rectangular slot having preselected dimensions.
An attachment mechanism includes a housing for a spindle having
a first portion rotatable within the housing, a shaft extending
10 outwardly from the housing, and a crossmember at the end of the
shaft having peripheral dimensions closely conforming to the
internal dimensions of the slot. An abutment mechanism also
emanates from the housing, and is located on opposite sides of
the shaft intermediate the housing and the crossmember. The
15 peripheral cross-sectional dimensions of the abutment mechanism
and the shaft in combination closely conform to the dimensions
of the slot. The length of the shaft from the housing to the
crossmember is approximately equal to the thickness of the
external wall of equipment. The crossmember is aligned with
20 the abutment mechanism so that the crossmember can be inserted
through the slot with the shaft and the abutment mechanism
occupying the slot. The spindle is then rotated 90° to
misalign the crossmember with the slot, thereby attaching the
attachment mechanism rigidly to the external wall. A cable is
25 secured to the housing and to an immovable object so that the
equipment cannot be stolen.